



## **Early Information for SFCG-24**

Dear SFCG members,

I have the pleasure to inform you that yesterday I received the official confirmation that Meteo-France will be hosting SFCG-24 on behalf of ITWG. The meeting will take place in Perros-Guirec (France) during the period 14-23 September 2004 (14 only for IWGs), as was planned at the end of SFCG-23.

For those of you willing to have some early information about Perros-Guirec, here is the official web site of this little town in Brittany: <http://www.perros-guirec.com>. You will see there that Perros-Guirec will offer us much more than just a place for the meeting and you may be tempted to extend your stay there outside the SFCG-24 dates.

As usual, you will receive the official invitation with the agenda and all the necessary logistic and travel information in May.

Nevertheless one element needs to be treated much earlier than usual: hotel booking. The two hotels suggested by the local organisers are:

- Grand Hotel de Trestrarou (see <http://www.grand-hotel-trestraou.com>, e-mail: [grand-hotel@wanadoo.fr](mailto:grand-hotel@wanadoo.fr), tel +33296498484, fax +33296232150), directly on the beach,
- Mercure Hotel (e-mail: [mercureperrosguirec@wanadoo.fr](mailto:mercureperrosguirec@wanadoo.fr), no web site, tel +33296912211, fax +33296912478).

Both hotels are 3-stars hotels and are within 200m from the Centre des Congrès, where SFCG-24 will take place. They belong to the same hotel chain and both offer nice rooms at 64 Euros (single)/ 72.5 Euros (double), including breakfast and tax.

Unfortunately, due to the fact that September is still tourist season for Perros-Guirec, these hotels are putting some pressure on the local organizers to have the room reservations well ahead of the meeting. Otherwise they cannot guarantee us the availability of sufficient rooms. The deadline agreed with them is the **8th of March**.

I fully understand that this is quite a short deadline, but please consider that the cancellation policy is no cost up to one month before the arrival date. It therefore makes sense to book the rooms even if you are not yet totally sure of attending SFCG-24. Please use the SFCG-24 Hotel Reservation Form that can be e-mailed or faxed to the hotel

you selected. Please feel free to contact directly the hotel if you wish to get some additional information before booking.

Even if you cannot make the reservation before the March 8 deadline, you do not need to worry too much. The same hotels can still be booked for the same price (but they do not guarantee availability) and in any case, as you can see from the town web site, there are many other hotels available; most of them are at very short walking distance from the Centre des Congrès.

Please note that you will have to do the booking directly with the hotels and there is no need to put me or Meteo France in copy. In the case you have problems with the hotels reservation, the Meteo France contact point for SFCG-24 is Mr. Sylvain Le Moal (e-mail: [Sylvain.LeMoal@meteo.fr](mailto:Sylvain.LeMoal@meteo.fr))

In conclusion, don't forget the preliminary booking and stay tuned for the official invitation in a couple of months.

Best regards,

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